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OSC opens doors

With the spirit of giving in mind, Fort Riley recently kicked off the holiday season with a festive ribbon cutting ceremony at Operation Santa Claus Headquarters, building 222.

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America's Warfighting Center

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National Guard soldiers train at 'America's Warfighting Center'

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

Soldiers from 35th Infantry Division (Mechanized), a National Guard Unit headquartered in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., began Theater Specific Individual Readiness Training Nov. 11, as part of Stabilization Force 13.

"The TSIRT training is designed around the combatant commander's desires for specific individual training for the soldiers who are about to deploy to the Balkans," said Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Elder, command sergeant major, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support).

The soldiers receive four days of training in nine areas. "The first day they have classroom instructions. Then, they go into hands on training. And the last day they go into execution," said Master Sgt. Joseph Tomlinson, noncommissioned officer in charge of TSIRT.

The nine areas of training include an initial briefing, mine awareness, countermine, countermine practical exercise, force protection, vehicle search, personnel search, medical evacuation procedures and convoy operations.

In the mine awareness classes, the soldiers receive lectures and see replicas of the different kinds of mines they may see during their deployment.

After classroom instruction, the soldiers go outside to learn how to negotiate in an area known for mines. "They are taught the hand and arm signals and how to move safely," Tomlinson said.

The countermine training teaches soldiers different techniques for probing for mines and trip wires, said Tomlinson. "There are different signs that they can look for, such as piled rocks or notches in trees," he said. After receiving the classroom instruction, the soldiers practice probing for mines outside.

The soldiers are also taught the correct way to search a civilian during personnel search training. "There are contact and non-contact searches. With a female subject, it's a non-contact situation and there is a specific way to handle that," Tomlinson said.

Another situation involving civilians that soldiers may face during deployment is vehicle searches. "We teach them the proper techniques for searching a vehicle when it comes into the compound," said Sgt. 1st Class Charles Harper. "We teach them to use the driver as a shield, to always keep him between the vehicle and the person conducting the search. You make the driver open the hood and the doors. If there are any booby traps, the subject may try to flee," he explained.

The TSIRT training will go on until mid-January, Elder said. "We will evaluate each soldier to make sure that they can perform those tasks. Once they perform to the established standard, we will recommend they be certified as trained."



Soldiers from the 35th Infantry Division train in preparation for their deployment in support of Stabilization Force 13 in the Balkans early next year.

Adopt-A-Platoon program recognized

By Lori Bultman
Editor

A Welcome Home Ceremony was held Monday for Task Force 1-41 soldiers who recently returned from Kuwait. As part of the event, the Adopt-A-Platoon program was recognized for its volunteer efforts in boosting the morale of the soldiers while they were away from home.

"Adopt-A-Platoon is a program sponsored by the Association of the United States Army, Fort Riley Chapter," according to Gary Drake, chapter president. The program's mission is to increase soldier morale and show appreciation for the peacekeeping efforts of deployed soldiers. "This was the seventh deployment from Fort Riley that the local chapter of AUSA has sponsored with Adopt-A-Platoon," Drake said. "That brings the total to over 200 platoons sponsored in seven deployments, for a total of 4,871 soldiers. Most of the sponsored deployments were to Kuwait, but also to Bosnia, Hungary and Croatia," he said.

All of the Adopt-A-Platoon sponsors are volunteers, most of who are civilian Drake said. "The sponsors work to help platoon leaders maintain and improve moral of the soldiers, and at the same time want to tell the soldiers that we miss them and remind them of Kansas and home."

During the Task Force 1-41 deployment, volunteer sponsors sent care packages and wrote letters to the soldiers while they are gone, Drake said. "The sponsors are from the local area, to include Junction City, Manhattan and Ogden," he said.

"Every day the Task Force

morale was lifted by the efforts of the Adopt-a-Platoon program," said Lt. Col. George Geczy, commander, Task Force 1-41.

"We were all surprised at the generosity and faithfulness of the sponsors," said 2nd Lt. Aaron Nelson, battalion chemical officer and one of the soldiers returning from the recent deployment. "My section (S-3) received packages on a regular basis - newspapers, candy, baby wipes, board games and movies. It's amazing to think that total strangers could be so kind."

Platoon sponsors for the Task Force were not invited to the soldiers' actual return from their deployment for security reasons, so the soldiers wanted to recognize their efforts at the ceremony today, Drake said. "This is a chance for volunteers to get to see their entire platoon back home," he said of the ceremony and reception that followed in Junction City.

"The soldiers who attended the reception were grateful for an opportunity to connect with and show appreciation to the sponsors," Nelson said.

AUSA initiates the Adopt-A-Platoon program when a deployment is announced and recruits the sponsors, Drake said. The military provides a point of contact to program leaders, he said, and then platoon leaders in the units contact their assigned sponsors and exchange information, such as mailing addresses and phone numbers. If time allows, the platoon then invites the sponsors to a platoon activity or outing so the members of each group can meet, Drake added. Then, when the platoon deploys, the sponsors attend the deployment ceremony if possible.

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DoD solves Common Access Card fielding issue, setbacks

Army News Service and Staff Reports

The military's Common Access Card program continues to improve with the solving of a number of technical problems.

The CAC, a credit-card-size identification card, was originally slated to be issued to all servicemembers. Department of Defense civilians and contractor personnel by Oct. 1, according to officials at U.S. Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va. That deadline was extended to Oct. 1, 2003, because of technical difficulties encountered during the fielding process.

One of the recent problems involved

cardstock supplies, said Col. John Karch, chief of the Personnel Service Support Division of the Army's Adjutant General Directorate. Some of the first cards were defective, Karch said, and the contractor, a French company, had to change the manufacturing process.

That problem had been solved by the last week in October, Karch said, and the cards are now back in production.

There were also system problems, said Cynthia Sublett, CAC project officer. She said part of the system infrastructure would crash when too many people tried to access it at one time.

Sublett said personnel from the Defense Information Systems Agency

and the Defense Manpower Data Center are working on the infrastructure now and have already made some improvements.

"They are trying to adequately size the infrastructure and make system changes," Sublett said, "so they can bring all users on at one time without crashing the system."

Another problem first surfaced in U.S. Army Europe, where the cards got a lot of use at first, Karch said. The ink used to make the bar code stripes on the back of the card was being rubbed off from extensive handling, to a point where the code was no longer readable.

The solution will be to laminate the

back of the cards, Sublett said. The front of the cards was already being laminated, so the solution will be to laminate both sides. This involves use of a dual-sided laminate that will require modifying the printers used to make the cards. The process was recently tested at Fort Belvoir, Va., and has been pronounced a success.

Use of the dual-sided laminate will be implemented in December in Europe first, Sublett said. Older printers already deployed will be retrofitted so they can laminate both sides of the cards.

Despite the problems, Karch says the program will be a success.

"The program is part of the Defense

Transformation Initiative being implemented across the services," Karch said, "and will prove to be a success when fully implemented."

The data contained in the card allows it to be used in many ways, he said, citing current uses as meal cards and for building access and flight manifests, and soon for secure computer access.

Other future CAC uses might include more extensive use for medical information access in case of injury or illness, Karch said. Medics could track a wounded soldier all the way through the medical system — tracking medical care,

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Local leaders learn about post, appreciate soldiers' dedication

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The Flint Hills Regional Leadership class, comprised of local business and community leaders, visited Fort Riley Nov. 14 to become more familiar with the post's facilities and personnel.

The class had a full schedule, that ranged from instructional classes to touring military static displays. Leaders also watched soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Division, at an M-16 weapon qualification range and ate a Meals Ready to Eat with soldiers for lunch.

The leadership class is made up of a broad spectrum of people recruited from Geary, Riley and Pottawatomie Counties. Members of the class were

interested in finding out what assets are in this region so they know where to look for resources available to them, said Aileen Cray, executive director, Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program.

"We have people from all walks of life," said Cray, "from economic developers and law enforcement, an attorney, educators and bankers, so their backgrounds are quite varied."

The idea behind the wide range of participants is that you need leaders in all the levels of a community, so you want that broad spectrum, she added.

Visits to Fort Riley are always bridge-building opportunities, and are an chance for people to come in and see what the post is like, said Cray. It helps forge relationships between the military and its surrounding community, and you

never know when those relationships can come in handy, she said. "Spending time with the soldiers is always a real joy because they are wonderful, young people. I hope the class will gain an appreciation for what is here at Fort Riley, Cray said.

For a group of people coming in from the outside, it's a wonderful way for them to learn about military life and the services, which are provided by the military for civilians. It also lets us, the taxpayers, see what we give to the military in support of their work, she said.

Class participants had good things to say about Fort Riley as well.

"I think that today's soldiers are well prepared, well trained and have the finest equipment,

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Carrie Ohm, director of Downtown Manhattan Incorporated, learns how to properly heat a Meal Ready to Eat from Pfc. John Pope, cavalry scout, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry.



Post Legal Assistance Division receives excellence award

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The Fort Riley Legal Assistance Division was presented the Army Chief of Staff's Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance and Services on Nov. 7 for support provided to Fort Riley. Legal offices Army-wide submitted an application stating what they had accomplished during the fiscal year 2001, along with background information of the office's operations.

The FRLAD was one of 14 offices that had received the award for an office of its size.

The award was presented to all of the section's attorneys by Col. Frank Helmick, acting commander, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley. Helmick also gave

them a coin for a job well done. For the office to receive the award, a board convened and judged each office on the amount of time it spends on the job, the amount and types of services rendered and how they accomplish their mission, said Capt. Jeffrey Miller, trial counsel, 1st Brigade Combat Team. Miller was the officer in charge of the legal assistance office at the time the application was submitted for the award. "This award is recognition for a lot of people who put in a lot of work and have helped a lot of soldiers," he said.

"The work ethic and professionalism of everybody in the office was a contributing factor to the section winning the award," he added.

The number of soldiers who deploy from and prepare for

deployment at Fort Riley contributed to the legal office receiving the award, Miller said. "Before soldiers deploy, they attend a Soldier Readiness Program, through which they have the opportunity to update their will, power of attorney and other effects of a legal nature," he said. "The legal office didn't win in 2000 due to the renovation the office had undergone, and therefore they didn't submit for it," said Neil Stitton, legal technician, Fort Riley Legal Assistance Division.

The FRLAD has won the award, which is approved by the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki, 10 times since the early '90s, said Stitton. "It's a good feeling to know the work you do is recognized."

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medications given and other important information.

It could also replace the multiple cards now used for weapons, protective masks and other personal equipment, Karch said.

"I'm sure it will eventually be used for accessing pay accounts, for travel," Sublett said. She added that plans are already in the works to make a "contactless" card that could be read without passing the card through a reader, like fee passes are read at toll gates on highways now.

"It's a pretty neat product," Karch said. "It's an enabler, and it will see more uses as people realize its potential."

There is also space on the card set aside for service-unique information, said Lt. Col. Barbara Bellamy, chief, Personnel Services Branch, so each service may find unique ways to use the card.

As of the end of October, about 33 percent of DoD personnel had

been issued the CAC, said Maj. William Mason, CAC project and personnel entitlements officer. The Army had issued about 29 percent of its goal.

DoD has fielded 656 of 900, or 73 percent, of planned CAC-issuing sites, while the Army has fielded 234 of 334 sites, or 70 percent, Mason said. Those DoD fielded sites include 1,194 workstations of 1,500 planned, Mason said. The Army now has 392 of 662 workstations fielded.

Eventually, about 4 million CACs will be issued throughout DoD, including about 1.4 million in the Army. There are no plans to issue the card to family members and retirees at this time, Karch said.

The CAC has a magnetic stripe, two bar codes, an integrated circuit chip and a user photo. The magnetic strip will be used for access to controlled areas, and the bar codes and computer chip

will be used to store identification, demographic and benefits information.

The computer chip will also store public key infrastructure certificates that will allow cardholders to digitally sign documents such as e-mail, encrypt information, and establish secure Internet sessions.

Fort Riley has issued about 3500 cards so far, according to Chief Warrant Officer James E. Fiedler, chief, 1st Personnel Services Battalion, Military Personnel Operations. "This number includes the folks who have been mobilizing through Fort Riley, not just Fort Riley soldiers." This would include the 35th Infantry Division soldiers preparing to deploy to the Balkans for Stabilization Force 13.

Fort Riley plans to complete the initial issuance of cards in the fall of next year Fiedler said.

Talk Around Town

"What are your plans for Thanksgiving?"



"I'll be spending my time here at Fort Riley with my three girls, since my husband is in Korea."



"I am going to spend Thanksgiving at home with my family. It is too hard to get my family together on holidays."



"I plan to eat at friends' places."

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said Clarence Thomas, parks and recreation director, Junction City.

"The faith I have in the Army is tremendous," said Ligia Paquette, school counselor and Spanish

teacher at Saint Xavier High School in Junction City.

"By the way the soldiers were hitting their targets, I can see they have been well trained," she said.

"Our nation is well protected and I have a lot of faith and respect for all the soldiers that are protecting our country," she concluded.

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German, Italian WWII POWs honored with wreath laying

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

A Wreath Laying Ceremony was held Nov. 15 at the Fort Riley

Cemetery to honor the German and Italian prisoners of war soldiers who died at Fort Riley during World War II. After an invocation by Chap.

(Maj.) James Paulson, Col. Helmut Muhl spoke on behalf of the German delegation. Muhl spoke about the effects WWII had on Germany. "The out-

come of [WWII] was terrible," said Muhl. "There were 55 million dead, 20 million invalids and millions of people on the run, displaced from their homelands. There were millions of soldiers in captivity, women with out husbands and children without parents."

He also spoke about the prisoners of war that were detained in America. "Among several million prisoners of war during WWII, some 500,000 Germans were kept in 500 camps scattered across the United States of America," he said. "These prisoners worked in the wheat fields of Kansas, stuffed olives with Spanish peppers in Texas, repaired Army vehicles in Virginia or picked peas in upstate New York."

Muhl also spoke about positive changes that WWII brought. "These men we honor today did not die in vain. Germany was able to end 12 years of dictatorship and could then live in peace and freedom. With the strong assistance of

the United States of America, we grew up in democracy and prosperity and finally overcame the separation of Europe."

The speaker for the Italian delegation was Capt. Ignatio Lax, an Italian student from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Lax spoke about the changes that have happened since the end of WWII. "Now days our countries share the same ideals and values. For half a century we have served together in friendship and cooperation," said Lax.

Lax also addressed the current war on terrorism and the need for people of all nations to work together.

The attack of Sept. 11, 2001, that killed citizens of so many of our countries makes our loss so much more meaningful and personal," he said.

"We must all come together as nations to fight the evil powers as they spread terrible acts of terrorism and harm innocent people. Just as the soldiers buried here made the greatest sacrifice for their ideals, we must come together to ensure peace and ensure a world for our children and our children's children, where people of every nation have the right to freedom and tolerance."

A bugler played the German and the Italian Taps before wreaths were placed. A firing detail from Fort Riley also fired a three-round volley in honor of the buried soldiers.



Post/Bender



German and Italian delegates (left) attend a Wreath Laying Ceremony honoring the German and Italian prisoners of war soldiers who died at Fort Riley during World War II.

Grunt By Wayne Uhden



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Holiday Tree Lighting

Col. (P) Frank Helmick will flip the switch and light up Fort Riley's Christmas Tree in front of building 500 on Dec. 6. The annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony begins at 4:45 p.m. on Ware Parade Field and will include holiday music, the arrival of Santa Claus and warm beverages and holiday cookies.

Parking is available at Riley's Convention Center and shuttle buses will be available from 4 p.m. until 45 minutes after the conclusion of the ceremony.

Post-wide Graduation

Fort Riley University will conduct the 29th semi-annual post-wide graduation ceremony at King Field House on Dec. 5, 1 p.m. Counseling services at the Learning Centers on post will not be available on the afternoon of the graduation.

Refuse Schedule

Due to the upcoming holiday on Thursday, the refuse collection schedule will be as follows.

Monday pick-up will be in Colver Manor, Main Post housing and Marshall Air Field housing.

Tuesday pick-up will be in Peterson Heights, Montieth Heights, O'Donnell Heights and Ellis Heights.

Wednesday pick-up will be in Warner Heights and Burnsides Heights.

Friday pick-up will be in South Peterson Heights, South Warner

Heights, Meade Heights and McClellan Heights.

Due to the holiday schedule, there will not be any large pickups scheduled. Please have your trash carts on the curbside no later than 7:30 a.m.

Click It Or Ticket

Would it surprise you to learn that the leading cause of death for U.S. military members is traffic crashes in private vehicles? That's right. Not combat or training exercises, but traffic crashes.

That's why the Fort Riley will partner with more than 12,000 other law enforcement agencies in a nationwide crackdown against seat belt violators during Thanksgiving week.

During Click It Or Ticket, military police officers at Fort Riley will use checkpoints, saturation patrols and will stepped up enforcement Nov. 25, through Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Drivers who fail to buckle up or to buckle their child passengers will be ticketed.

Deaths among military personnel occurring in private motor vehicle crashes are up 35 percent from last year. In the fiscal year 2002, 321 military personnel across all services lost their lives in traffic crashes. Tragically, nearly half of those young servicemembers who failed to wear seat belts possibly could have survived if they had buckled up. Military personnel, by virtue of age and gender, typically epitomize the low belt user: males ages 18-34. This year, approximately 8,000 Americans, adults and children, will die in crashes simply because

they failed to buckle their seat belts.

Holiday Lighting Guidance

When planning your outdoor holiday decorations, please comply with Fort Riley Regulation 11-1, which states that outdoor decorations will be predominantly non-electric. Holiday lighting should be arranged with energy conservation in mind and hours of operation should be limited to 5 - 10 p.m. Holiday lighting should be displayed no later than Jan. 1, 2003.

Battalion Powerlifting Meet

The 2002 Post Powerlifting Meet is scheduled for Dec. 6 at King Field House beginning at 3:30 p.m. Contestants are required to weigh-in between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at King Field House. Eight weight classes will be contested in the men's competition and five in the women's division. Competition is open to active duty military personnel assigned to Fort Riley. A powerlifting clinic will be conducted at King Field House, building 202, 1:30 p.m., Nov. 12. For additional information contact the sports office at 239-2172, or contact your unit Athletic and Recreation Officer.

HASFR Christmas Celebration

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will be

having a celebration of Christmas for its members Dec. 8, 3 - 5 p.m., at Custer House.

Holiday frontier customs of the mid-west will be the theme for the celebration. There will also be a guest speaker dressed as Maj. Gen. George A. Custer's wife, Libby. During the celebration, members will also sing Christmas carols while a mandolin player strings out the melodies. Light refreshments will be served, as well as light snacks.

If you would like to go to the celebration, call Boslego at 717 - 2818 to find out more on how to become a member of HASFR to be able to attend.

Hanukkah

Jews around the world have celebrated the festival of Hanukkah for thousands of years. This joyous festival begins at sundown Nov. 29 and lasts for eight days.

The Jewish congregation of Fort Riley invites the community to celebrate Hanukkah with them on Dec. 6, 6 p.m. The Sabbath services are at Normandy Chapel, with a party immediately following. We'll eat latkes, play dreidel and light the Menorah.

For more information or to let us know you are coming so we can prepare plenty of latkes, contact Maria Cox, 461-5804, or by cell phone at 223-7576.

Men's Bible Study

Join the Faithful Men's Bible Study as they discuss "Spiritual Leadership Principles" on Thurs-

days at Kapaun Chapel, 5:30 - 6:30 a.m. For more information contact Don Ericson, Director of Religious Education, 239-9313.

Induction Ceremony

Fort Riley will recognize its outstanding noncommissioned officers and civilian volunteers during the quarterly Sgt. Audie Murphy and Dr. Mary E. Walker induction ceremony today at 2 p.m. at Normandy Theater.

Office Closed

The Vehicle Registration Office is closed the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Flu Vaccine

Primary Care Clinics 1, 2, and 3 of Irwin Army Community Hospital have the flu vaccine available for military family members and retirees who are meet the health guidelines. Call 239-7250 for more information.

New Exhibit

The U. S. Cavalry Museum unveiled a new exhibit in the Temporary Gallery this past week. Located on the second floor, the exhibit features artifacts and printed material from when Fort Riley was the center of cavalry training.

Fort Riley was selected as the cavalry training in the 1880s. The first school, named the Cavalry and Light Artillery School, conducted classes at the unit level and

continued operation until replaced by the Mounted Service School in 1907. The importance of Fort Riley as a training center was further underscored a century ago when national guard units began holding maneuver camps here. The Cavalry School was established after World War I and continued in operation until 1946. During these years, many noted cavalry leaders - to include James W. Forsyth, George S. Patton, Jr., Jonathan Wainwright and Terry de la mesa Allen served at the post. The imprint of these officers established standards and reputation that remain with the post today.

The museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday's, noon to 4:30 p.m. There is no admission fee. The exhibit is in conjunction with American Education Week and will continue through early 2003. For more information on the display, please contact the U.S. Cavalry Museum at 239-8230.

Recruit the Recruiter

The rewards for Recruiters are many. Volunteers have the option of selecting three companies within the Recruiting Command under the New Assignment Incentive Program. Not only can you earn the Recruiter Badge, Sergeants and Staff Sergeants in a promotable status who earn the Recruiter Ring during their 36-month tour are also eligible for meritorious promotions. Recruiters also

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receive \$375 per month in Special Duty Pay upon assignment to a recruiting battalion, while receiving up to \$75 in reimbursement per month for expenses. The briefing will be on the challenges, benefits and opportunities to become Recruiters. Attendance by all E-4's through E-7 is highly encouraged. This briefing in no way obligates you for recruiting duty, a personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications. Briefings will be held Dec. 10 and 11, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., at the 937th Engineer Group classroom, building 8060. More information can be found at web site www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter or you can contact Sgt. 1st Class Perez at (502) 626-0465 or DSN: 536-0465. For information regarding the briefing contact Staff Sgt. Uzle-Carter at Fort Riley Personnel Services Battalion Soldiers Action Center, 239-5953.

Birthday Party

Come Join Us For Jesus' Birthday Party Dec. 7, 3 - 4:30 p.m. at Jefferson Elementary School. RSVP by Dec. 2 to: Robin Ann Tobin, 717-1565, Main Post Chapel; Toya Wise, 717-2871, Gospel Service; Karla Moody, 784-4468, Contemporary Service; Kathy Wood, 784-4226, Kapaun Chapel or Anna Sherman, 784-4266, St. Mary's Chapel.

Please bring optional gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Standards of Conduct Reminder

Only duly appointed contracting officers can obligate the government contractually. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in an "unauthorized commitment" - an agreement that is not binding solely because the government representative who made it lacked the authority to enter into that agreement on behalf of the Government. Unauthorized commitments must be investigated and the perpetrators are subject to adverse actions. Ordering officers may, by virtue of their written appointment, obligate the Government up to their designated approval limits. Also, government purchase cardholders may obligate the government when funds are certified by an approved funds certifier, so long as they remain within designated single purchase and monthly purchase limits. For additional information, contact the Directorate of Contracting at 239-0468.

Mail training

Unit Mailroom Service Training will be conducted Dec. 4 and 11, 8 a.m. - 4:30, building 319, CPAC. Official Mail Training will be conducted Dec. 10, building 319, CPAC, and Dec. 16 at building 808, conference room. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 for enrollment.

Gymnastics Class

There are openings in Child and Youth Services' Gymnastics and Tumbling classes. The classes

for boys and girls ages 3-15 meet once a week on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday at the Jefferson Elementary School multipurpose room, for approximately one hour. The cost is \$20 per month. For information, contact the Central Registration Office at 239-4847 or stop by building, 6620 Normandy Drive.

The Gymnastics and Tumbling program is currently taking names for those interested in tumbling classes for boys and girls ages 2-4 years. These classes are "Mommy and Me" classes, which means the parent or caretaker will participate with the child in the tumbling classes, under the direction of the instructor. Classes will meet on Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m. until the end of May 2003 and cost \$20 per month. Classes are scheduled to begin January 2003. Contact the Central Registration Office at 239-4847 to put your name on a waiting list. At least five participants must indicate interest for this class to be held.

Cheerleading Classes

Child and Youth Services is planning to have Cheerleading Classes from January - May 2003, for boys and girls who are currently enrolled in grades 4-8. Cost will be \$20 per month. The classes will be divided into elementary and middle school groups. Classes will begin in January, and will meet during the week after 5 p.m., with the exact time and location for practices to be determined. Those who participate in the classes will also be able to cheer at the upcoming CYS basketball and soccer games. Cheering at the

games on week-ends will be voluntary. There may be additional costs involved for uniforms. The instructor for this class is a military spouse who was a former member of the Kansas State University Klatz dance team and cheered in high school in the Kansas City area. Contact the Central Registration office at 239-4847 to put your name on the waiting list. At least ten students must indicate interest by Dec. 20 for this activity to be programmed.

March planned

The Division Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor a commemoration march in honor of the late Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 15, at Morris Hill Chapel from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The theme for this year is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!" The program is open to all soldiers, their families, civilian employees and the surrounding communities. For more information please contact Fort Riley EO Office at 239-2928.

Access Hours Change

Rifle Range and Estes Road gates are open to outbound traffic on Fridays from 3-5 p.m. They continue to be open Monday through Thursday to outbound traffic from 3:30-6 p.m. This change has been implemented due to Fort Riley's new workday schedule. GATE HOURS: Trooper Road (Junction City), Huebner Road (Ogden) and Henry Road (I-70) - Open 24 Hours; 12th Street (K-18 - Delivery Access) - Open 5

a.m. to 10 p.m.; Estes Road (Old Hwy 77) and Rifle Range Road (Hwy. 77) - Open to incoming vehicles w/ DoD Decals 5-8 a.m. and open to outbound traffic Mon.-Thurs. 3:30-6 p.m. and Fri. 3-5 p.m.; Grant Avenue (Junction City) - Open to vehicles w/DoD Decals 5 a.m.-11 p.m. and open to visitors 8 a.m.-11 p.m.

Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Thanksgiving Post-Wide Ecumenical Worship Service will take place at Kapaun Chapel, Nov. 27, 12:15 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Thrift Shop

Christmas items are now being accepted for consignment at the Fort Riley Thrift Shop. We have a wide selection of clothing, electronics, furniture, jewelry, collectibles and lots more! The Thrift Shop is located in building 267, Stuart Ave. For more information, call 784-2351. As cooler weather approaches, don't forget that the Thrift Shop is a fun location for your coffee group to meet.

Both civilian and military are welcome!!

The Shoppe

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our holiday open house on Dec. 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will have refreshments, door prizes and many wonderful decorating items. The Shoppe will be open on Mondays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16. The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave. Call 785-239-2783 for more information.

Letters to the Editor

Do you have something you would like to say? A letter to the editor may be the forum you are looking for to get your ideas out into the open. The Fort Riley Post welcomes your input. Email any letters, 600 words or less, to afzmpom@riley.army.mil. All letters are subject to editing for style. Please include your name, unit and phone number in case we have any questions.

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Once the platoon is deployed, the sponsors send a variety of items to the soldiers. Drake recommends sponsors send news clippings from hometown newspapers, magazines, videotapes of sporting events, flags, pre-packaged snacks, candy and anything else that is easily shipped and not against policy. Alcohol, adult rated material, liquids or materials that cannot withstand high temperatures, like chocolates, not should be sent.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for future deployments or for more information on the Adopt-A-Platoon program, call Drake at 784-4400.

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Korea 50 years ago - British battle Chinese

By Jim Caldwell

Army News Service

Snow and bitter cold caused fighting to taper off in many areas of Korea 50 years ago this week, but some deadly clashes continued along the front.

Nov. 14-20, 1952 — The King's Liverpool Regiment, 1st British Commonwealth Division, expects a Chinese attack as the enemy intensifies its mortar and artillery fire. But it's a diversionary tactic and the communists suddenly switch the barrage to hit the Hook, held by the 1st Battalion of the Black Watch.

The Hook is an east-west ridge four miles northwest of where the Samichon and Imjin Rivers join.

Forty-five minutes later, the firing is lifted and a Chinese company attacks the Black Watch. However, the Scotsmen have taken cover in nearby caves and call in their own artillery on the Chinese. When the shelling ends, the Black Watch attacks the Chinese and drives them off the Hook. The communists try to regroup on nearby ridges, but Commonwealth tank and artillery barrages force them to move on.

With reinforcements Nov. 19, the enemy sends two companies to take the Hook. They make it close enough to engage in hand-to-hand fighting before they are repelled. The Chinese reorganize and send a company at the Black Watch.

The third attack breaks through the line to gain 100 yards before it's stopped. Then the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry counterattacks the enemy salient and drives the enemy off the Hook. After the battle, Commonwealth soldiers count 100 dead Chinese. Commonwealth casualties from the two-day fight are 85.

The Commonwealth response must have been sufficiently swift and savage for the enemy because

they won't attack the Hook again for four more months.

Nov. 14-19 (NEW YORK) — At U.N. headquarters in New York, delegations continue to offer suggestions on how to break the truce talks stalled because neither side will agree on a plan to repatriate prisoners each side holds.

Pakistan and Israel present their plans to the Political Committee Nov. 14. Pakistan wants an immediate ceasefire, with the prisoner issue to be worked out in follow-on talks. Israel thinks the General Assembly should lay down principles of repatriation, but then let the two combatants in the field work out the details.

On Nov. 17, India proposes that a committee made up of Czechoslovakia and Poland and neutral Sweden and Switzerland be organized to arrange prisoner repatriation. If the two sides are deadlocked after three weeks, then the General Assembly will appoint an "umpire" to break the deadlock.

If the status of some prisoners cannot be agreed upon, then their fate will be referred to a political conference already agreed upon by both sides at Pannunjom.

The United States quickly rejects the proposal because no plan with the possibility of forced repatriation is acceptable.

Indian delegate V.K. Krishna Menon assures the Political Committee on Nov. 19 that the plan will not result in indefinite confinement for those who do not want to go home. The U.N. will be responsible for these prisoners "if neither side can provide a home for them."

He says there should be no further screening of prisoners but doesn't say how their desires will

be known.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden approves the proposal if it can guarantee U.N. protection for those who refuse repatriation and spell out the operation of the proposed committee.

Nov. 14 (WASHINGTON) — The Army announces that it is closing five posts because of "leveling off" of expansion. The installations are Fort Lawton, Wash.; Camp McCoy, Wis.; Camp Drum, N.Y.; Camp Edwards, Mass.; and Camp Cooke, Calif.

Nov. 15-20 (SEOUL, Korea) — Bad weather breaks Nov. 15 and combat aircraft take to the air again. Air Force F-86 pilots shoot down three MiGs over northwest Korea. A Thunderjet and a Shooting Star are downed by enemy ground fire, and a B-26 bomber is lost to "other causes."

Marine land-based fighters destroy a hydroelectric plant southwest of Tongchon on the Sea of Japan Nov. 16.

Col. Royal N. Baker, 34, McKinney, Texas, becomes the 21st American jet ace Nov. 17. The commander of the 4th Interceptor Group scored his fifth kill in two air battles south of the Yalu River in which six MiGs are shot down. The F-86 pilots claim one probable and one damaged.

Marine Capt. Leonard Lilley, Manchester, N.H., shoots down his fifth plane on Nov. 18 to become the 22nd member of the U.S. jet ace club.

The kill came when four Panther fighters from the carrier Oriskany intercepted four MiGs 35 miles from Navy Task Force 77 in the Sea of Japan. A second MiG is shot down and another damaged. One of the Panthers is also damaged.

Air Force fighter pilots record the 502nd MiG of the war Nov. 20 in a dogfight between F-86 Sabres and communist MiG jets over northwestern Korea.

Nov. 16 — Marine Lt. Allen M. Dulles, son of the deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Allen W. Dulles, is reported seriously injured in Korea.

Nov. 17 — The Associated Press reports that an intelligence estimate prepared for Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. Supreme Commander, claims that North Korean civilian morale is so low that they would "welcome" a U.N. invasion to end the war. Other highlights of the report are: (1) Supply problems will keep the communists from launching another offensive, (2) morale among the frontline enemy troops is high because they are fed well, because 74 percent of farmers' harvests are confiscated and (3) near famine conditions are forcing North Korean civilians to travel miles foraging for food. They have almost deserted cities in the north, with Pyongyang's prewar population down from 500,000 to 50,000.

Nov. 18-19 — On Nov. 18, an Eighth Army spokesman says that U.N. troops killed 1,726 enemy soldiers, wounded 833 and captured 18 during the seven-day period of Nov. 8-14.

The next day a DoD spokesman reveals that American casualties in Korea have risen to 126,727 as of Nov. 14. The figure includes 19,894 dead.

President Harry Truman tells reporters that he still considers the fighting in Korea is a "police action."

He said earlier criticism of the term were merely political. He said it's a police action by the U.N. to stop aggression, and nothing else.

Fort Riley continues to be a Korean War Commemorative Community through 2003.

War trophies sometimes dangerous, illegal

Army News Service and Staff Reports

Throughout history, soldiers serving overseas have returned home with souvenirs and relics to remember their tours. Many war related items on display in museums were brought over by individual service members.

Although it is tempting for soldiers to bring back reminders of having served in a military campaign, there are strict guidelines regarding these trophies for troops participating in Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Different operations and areas of responsibility will have different rules on prohibited activity regarding souvenirs," said U.S. Army Special Operations Command Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Lt. Col. Kevin Govern. "Aside from U.S. legal restrictions, there may be Department of Defense, unified command and combined or joint task force regulations and orders proscribing certain activities and allowing others."

It is important for soldiers to realize that with few exceptions, taking or retaining individual souvenirs or trophies is prohibited in Afghanistan under Combined Joint Task Force-180 guidelines, Govern said. "This prohibition does not include the lawful acquisition of souvenirs that can be legally imported into the United States."

Soldiers are not allowed to bring weapons, munitions or military articles of equipment back to the United States if those items were not officially issued, Govern said. Shipping weapons outside of the Central Command area as personal property is a punishable Uniform Code of Military Justice offense.

"There is a very narrow waiver of this prohibition," Govern said. "Antique firearms and replicas legally obtained in Afghanistan manufactured in or before 1898 are allowed."

Govern said that servicemembers interested in purchasing an antique firearm and importing it into the United States should obtain a copy of the partial waiver under general order 1A, dated June 25 from their servicing judge advocate.

Airborne and Special Operations Museum Historian, Dr. John Duvall, said that although current regulations regarding what soldiers may bring back from OEF are very strict, it hasn't always been as difficult for individual soldiers to bring war trophies home.

"In past years, during World War II and Vietnam, soldiers could bring semi-automatic weapons back. We've received a number of weapons from individuals, including explosives," Duvall said.

Locally, Bill McKale, director, Museum Division, Fort Riley University, said the museum's at Fort Riley are always interested in visiting with persons who may have weapons and objects to donate. However, McKale added, there are guidelines the museum has to follow in accepting such items. For example, he said, "The weapons that were part of Desert Storm were strictly accounted for." They were retained with the intent of being used for training purposes by units on post, he said.

Soldiers with questions regarding what can be brought back to the United States from their individual areas of responsibility should contact a servicing judge advocate, military police customs office or the post office.

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The Shoppe

Consignment store
offers antiques, crafts

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The outside looks like most of the other buildings on the Main Post. On the inside, shelves packed with handcrafted knickknacks and antique items line the walls. The Shoppe is a consignment store that offers shoppers one-of-a-kind items that have been hand-made by crafters from on post and the surrounding area. There are also a wide variety of antiques available, ranging from vintage clothing to historic furniture.

The shop currently has about 50 consignors, said Pauline Myers, assistant manager of The Shoppe. "Consignors bring in their items and set their own prices. The shop receives 25 percent of the price of the item. If a consignor is able to volunteer, depending on how many hours they can work, it can go all the way down to 10 percent," she said. Myers added that the best time to consign items is on Wednesday, when the manager or assistant manager is on hand for approval.

"We try to accommodate everyone [who wants to consign]," said Rhonda Lynsinger, manager of the Shoppe. "The ladies that have been here the longest know what sells well. We try to give opinions and pointers as to what sells the best," she added.

Handmade Americana crafts seem to sell very well, said Lynsinger. "Anything from furniture to knickknacks in the patriotic red, white and blue, seems to do well."

About 15 volunteers staff The Shoppe. "The Shoppe is all volunteer run, and all the profits go back to the community," said Myers. The Shoppe contributes their proceeds to the Officers and Civilians Spouses Club Community Assistance Fund, which supports the Scholarship Fund and the American Red Cross, among other local organizations.

"The OCS's goal is to raise lots of money so that they can give it back to the community," added Lynsinger. "And it's a great service to the community and the spouses. We give them a place to sell their crafts."

The Shoppe has two rooms full of items, and Christmas items have been arriving since the end of October, said Myers. "We will be accepting Christmas items throughout the holidays," she added. "We also offer gift certificates, which are another great gift idea. If a husband is in the dog house, a gift certificate may help him out."

There was a Fall Open House held Nov. 14 and a Christmas Open House scheduled for Dec. 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

"We'll have door prizes that are donated by our consignors and refreshments like cider, coffee and cookies," said Lynsinger.

The Shoppe also offers a meeting room located downstairs in the building.

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Michelle Salajcik, customer, looks through craft items at The Shoppe, located on Main Post, building 259, Stuart Avenue.



The Shoppe offers a wide variety of one-of-a-kind items that have been handmade by crafters from on post and the surrounding area.

Waiting Spouses' group brings families together during soldier deployments

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

When a soldier is deployed unaccompanied, a spouse may be faced with special challenges and emotions that are unique to the situation.

The Waiting Spouses' Group is a support group that helps spouses to face and overcome these challenges.

When a soldier is deployed on an unaccompanied tour, during his or her pre-deployment briefing, the soldier is given the option of giving his or her spouse's name to the group, said Amberly Mills, leader of the Waiting Spouses' Group. "We get a list of names from Army Community Service and we send the spouse a flier about our group," she said.

One advantage of the group is the opportunity to have a little time away from the kids. "Some times when your husband's gone you feel like your kids are driving you crazy and this gives you the opportunity to have some grown up time and talk to other said Mills. "When my son would tell other kids that his father is in Korea, they wouldn't necessarily understand. Through the group, he was able to meet another boy whose father was in Korea and they don't feel so alone. There is someone else who knows what he is going through."

The group meets every other Friday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at ACS, building 7264. "We try to do a craft for the children and talk to the spouses about any questions they may have. If I don't have the answer, I can usually either find it or at least point them in the right direction to find it," said Mills. "It also gives us a chance to get

together and share some camaraderie with others who are going through the same thing."

There are many challenges that waiting spouses face.

"Not having that person there to bounce ideas off of is difficult," said Mills. "Being a single parent for a year is difficult. I was used to being able to leave my kids with my husband for a while and run to the shopette or something, to get a break. Now, to go anywhere I have to get both kids ready and in the car. Even though my daughter is 13, and she can watch them for a short time, it's not the same," said Mills. "You go through a lot of emotions. Sometimes it's loneliness. Sometimes you feel like your spouse, being over there, has no idea what you are going through."

Children of unaccompanied soldiers also face similar challenges. "[In the group] you can ask others if their children are going through the same thing, and it gives you the opportunity to support each other through it," said Mills. "When my son would tell other kids that his father is in Korea, they wouldn't necessarily understand. Through the group, he was able to meet another boy whose father was in Korea and they don't feel so alone. There is someone else who knows what he is going through."

If you are interested in joining the Waiting Spouses' Group, Mills can be contacted at 784-2374. You can also contact Bess Stone at the Soldier and Family Support Center, 239-9435, for more information.

DCA contests entice holiday spirit on post

DCA Reports

If you're having trouble getting in the holiday spirit, there is a cure! The Directorate of Community Activities Recreation staff is sponsoring the second annual "Celebrate the Holidays" contest with two different activities.

The Holiday Card contest is intended as a way for military units, directorates and activities within directorates to spread some holiday cheer. Card entries should be constructed of three-quarter inch, four-foot by eight-foot exterior plywood or similar material, and able to withstand the Kansas weather. Cards may be left as a sheet and mount-

ed to a painted skid, similar to a postcard, or they can be cut in half and hinged like an open card.

The theme of the card should be in good taste and express the fun, excitement and cheer of the holiday season. A primary sketch of the card needs to be approved by a member of the Arts and Crafts staff prior to construction.

Entry forms may be picked up at any recreation facility and need to be completed by Dec. 9. Judging will be on Dec. 17 and the winner will receive a traveling plaque.

The Home Decorating event involves anyone living in on post

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Operation Santa Claus opens its doors

By Emily O'Connor
K-State Intern

With the spirit of giving in mind, Fort Riley recently kicked off the holiday season with a festive ribbon cutting ceremony at Operation Santa Claus Headquarters, building 222.

"The main focus of Operation Santa Claus is to help out less fortunate kids at Christmas," said Charlie Quick, executive director and head elf. "It is the whole Fort Riley and Flint Hills community coming together to help out the children."

Operation Santa Claus was started at Fort Riley in 1968 by a couple of noncommissioned officers at Camp Funston, according to Col. (P) Frank Helmick, acting commander 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley. The program collects new toys from bins on post and in the surrounding communities to distribute to families in need.

Quick, who is now retired, said that he has worked with Operation Santa Claus for six years now. "The biggest reward I get is seeing the kids smile," Quick said. "Seeing the kids' faces when they get something that they weren't expecting is a great feeling."

Quick said that last year approximately 11,000 presents were delivered to children in need. This year's goal is to collect, wrap and distribute 15,000 presents for children in the Flint Hills area.

The presents are first given to families on post who might not have the resources to provide presents for their children.

The rest of the presents are distributed to families in need in surrounding communities through organizations such as the Salvation Army and Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

The ribbon cutting ceremony included a blessing, a welcome by SGM Kenneth Fyffe, remarks from Col. Helmick and a visit from Santa Claus. Santa encouraged those in attendance to give generously to Operation Santa Claus, giving area children the Christmas they deserve.

Pam Metz, wife of Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general 24th ID (Mech) and Fort Riley helped wrap presents at Operation Santa Claus Headquarters last year.

"It's sad to think that there are children that wouldn't have Christmas without your help," Metz said. "Last year our coffee group wrapped presents and I went out a couple of times on my own. It made me realize how very fortunate we are."

There are several ways that people can donate their time or resources to Operation Santa Claus. New toy collection bins are set up in several locations in the area. For a complete listing of toy drop-off bins and for other ways to contribute to the Operation Santa Claus cause, see the sidebar to this story.

To volunteer time to wrap presents, stop by Operation Santa Claus Headquarters any time during business hours or call 239-6944 or 239-6945.

Editor's Note

See page 10 for toy drop locations and donation information.



Volunteers help wrap presents at Operation Santa Claus headquarters after the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Thanksgiving holiday can also bring accidents, food poisoning, fires

By Chris Otto
DES Education, Awareness

Thanksgiving is almost here, and fantasies of feasting with family and friends dance in our heads. The holiday can be a wonderful time of year, but keep in mind travel accidents, cooking fires and food poisoning can spoil Thanksgiving.

Prevent a Thanksgiving tragedy by choosing to be a safe driver. Drive safely and stay alert. Before venturing out, thoroughly inspect your vehicle to make sure no mechanical problems exist. If embarking on a long trip, make sure the driver has plenty of rest to prevent falling asleep at the wheel. Also, drowsy drivers can be just as dangerous as drunk drivers. Designate a sober driver if you choose to drink alcohol.

According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, cooking is a leading cause of residential fires. Following simple safety tips can possibly prevent turning your house into an inferno. Before cooking, make sure the oven is clean. A dirty oven can

serve as a catalyst for cooking fires. Every house should have an ABC Multi-Purpose fire extinguisher (effective on ordinary combustibles, liquids, gases and electrical fires) within 10 feet of the oven.

Never leave food unattended in the oven or on the burner. Clear the cooking area of flammable objects such as potholders and towels. Cook on back burners when possible and turn pot handles so they do not extend over the edge of the stove. Avoid wearing clothes with long, loose-fitting sleeves while cooking and keep long hair up and out of the way.

You should prepare your feast properly to prevent food poisoning. The first step toward safe cooking is to wash your hands. If you purchase a thawed turkey, it can be stored safely in a refrigerator for one or two days before cooking. The refrigerator is also the safest place to thaw a turkey. A frozen turkey should never be thawed at room temperature. Thaw a frozen turkey in the refrigerator 24 hours for every

five pounds of bird. If you do not have enough time to thaw your turkey in the refrigerator, thaw it under cool water. By this method, thawing times may vary, depending on water temperature and the size of the bird. Change the water every 30 minutes to prevent contamination. Start cooking with a completely thawed turkey to ensure doneness and prevent bacterial growth while in oven. Set the oven at a minimum of 325 degrees Fahrenheit to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

Do not allow the turkey's

juices to contaminate other foods, especially those that will not be cooked. Use a thermometer to assure doneness.

A turkey is cooked completely when a thermometer inserted into the inner thigh of the bird reads 170-180 degrees F. The stuffing inside the turkey should be cooked to 165 degrees F. If you do not use a thermometer, the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture recommends that you do not stuff the turkey, instead, cook the stuffing

in a casserole dish.

Deep-fried turkey has recently grown in popularity. While a deep-fried turkey is usually juicy and succulent, it may not be worth the risk according to the Underwriters Laboratory. Turkey fryers may cause fires or severe burns if used improperly, and for this reason the UL refuses to certify any turkey fryers with their mark of safety.

If you choose to use a turkey fryer, here are some safety tips.

Use the turkey fryer outdoors, away from buildings or any flammable material. Place the fryer on a flat surface to lower the chances of it tipping over.

Children and pets should be kept away from the fryer while in use. Turkey fryers should never be left unattended while in use.

Pay special attention to the temperature of the oil - it could ignite if it gets too hot.

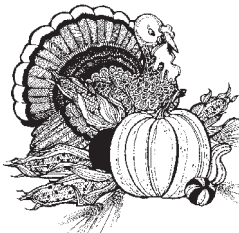
To avoid spills, do not over fill the fryer. Always use insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching the pot, lid handles or turkey holder. Remember to keep an ABC Multi-Purpose fire extin-

guisher nearby.

Regardless of how it is cooked, the turkey should be served immediately upon removal from the oven.

Hot foods should be kept hot and cold foods should be kept cold. Perishable leftovers (turkey, pumpkin pie, stuffing, etc.) must be refrigerated within two hours. Carve the meat into small pieces for faster cooling. Gravy, stuffing and side dishes should be stored in shallow containers. Cooked turkey kept in the refrigerator should be safe to eat for up to three days, if it was properly cooled. The turkey also can be stored safely for two months in the freezer.

For more safety information, visit the Directorate of Environment and Safety web site at www.riley.army.mil/services/fort/safety.asp or the intranet site at <https://intranet.riley.army.mil/des/Safety/Safetyhome.html>. The DES Safety Division can be reached at 239-2514 for further information.



Little-known law keeps firearms away from domestic offenders

Army News Service

A 1996 federal law can jeopardize a soldier's career and inhibit him from fighting in the War on Terrorism if he is convicted of a domestic-violence offense.

Because of an unprecedented number of domestic violence-related homicides at Fort Bragg, N.C., this summer, the Lautenberg Amendment, a law that prevents domestic offenders from owning or possessing firearms, has become more of an issue affecting soldiers than ever before, an Army attorney said.

The amendment made it a felony in September 1996 for individuals convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence to ship, transport, possess or receive firearms or ammunition. Government agencies, including the Department of the Army, are not exempt from the Lautenberg Amendment, said Capt. Heather Fagan, an attorney with the XVIII Airborne Corps Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

The Department of Defense issued interim guidance Oct. 22, 1997, which outlined steps to ensure DoD personnel do not issue government and privately owned firearms or ammunition to persons whom they know or have reasonable cause to believe have been convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence.

The policy covers all soldiers — active, Reserve and National Guard — but will affect "a very small percentage" of the total Army, said Maj. Doug Carr, a staff officer within the Pentagon's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1.

"All soldiers having qualifying misdemeanor convictions for domestic violence under the Lautenberg Amendment aren't allowed to possess or handle firearms or ammunition, so this affects them in their capacity within the military to handle a weapon," Carr said.

In fact, the interim Army guidance, put out Jan. 15, 1998, prescribed that commanders would identify these soldiers, Carr said, to ensure that they did not have possession of privately owned firearms and ammunition or have access to any firearms and ammunition.

"That meant they could not qualify at a (military firing) range, and had to be assigned to positions which did not allow them to have access to a weapon."

To date, said Carr, the Army has been in compliance with the Lautenberg Amendment. However,

er, he said, with the greatest impacts of the law affecting personnel reassignments and reenlistments, the Army determined it was necessary to specifically address Lautenberg Amendment-related personnel issues.

Army guidance on deployment eligibility, assignment and reporting of soldiers affected by the Lautenberg Amendment state "a soldier is non-deployable for missions that require firearms and ammunition, and should be assigned, if feasible, to non-tactical units," Fagan said.

However, Fagan said, all soldiers, regardless of the type of assignment, are required to undergo periodic weapons qualification. All soldiers could also be required to take up arms in time of war.

"The implication is soldiers with records of domestic violence who cannot qualify at military shooting ranges cannot be promoted," said Fagan. Nor could such soldiers handle firearms in wartime, she said.

Those enlisted soldiers who have been convicted of domestic violence will be barred from reenlistment, said Fagan, but will be provided a chance to clear the record.

"They are not allowed to reenlist, but they may be allowed to extend for one year," she said. "This is to give them the opportunity to get any domestic violence convictions expunged from the record."

A number of options are available to soldiers affected by Lautenberg Amendment penalties who want to restore their ability to handle firearms, said Lt. Col. Kevin H. Govern, deputy staff judge advocate at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

"In addition to expungement, if

the offender has been pardoned or had his civil rights restored, then a misdemeanor domestic violence conviction will not then be considered a conviction under federal law to prohibit the possession of firearms and ammunition," Govern said.

The most direct approach to reinstate a soldier's eligibility under federal law, following a state misdemeanor domestic violence conviction, is to obtain a certificate of rehabilitation by petitioning a state Superior Court or equivalent, Govern added.

"If they're unable to do this, the year gives them a little time to prepare for transition out of the military," Fagan added.

Fagan stressed that the amendment's policies also apply to Army officers.

"Officers would also be non-deployable for missions, since they would be prohibited from having access to firearms or ammunition," she said.

Both officers and enlisted soldiers affected by the new policy will be eligible to apply for a discharge from the Army, Carr said.

Under existing policy, Carr said civilians with court convictions of domestic violence are not eligible to join the Army, whether in an enlisted or officer capacity.

If there is reason to believe a particular soldier may be in violation of the amendment's policies, Govern said that in all cases the unit's commander should consult the Staff Judge Advocate's trial counsel to ensure that the law applies to a soldier before action is taken in compliance with the law.

Editor's note: Story by Daniel W. Bailey, Fort Bragg Paraglide and Kyle J. Cosner, U.S. Army Special Operations Command Public Affairs Office.

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housing. A panel of judges will be out on the evening of Dec. 17 looking for the best decorated home among those entered in the contest. Contest entry forms may be picked up at any recreation facility.

Each housing area (some areas

are combined - check with Arts and Crafts for details) will have one winning home from those who enter and the winners will receive a gift basket and sign proclaiming their home a winner. It is important to note that you must enter to be eligible. Entry forms

must be received at Arts and Crafts by Dec. 9.

There is no charge to enter either of these contests.

For more information, call 239-9354 or 239-9205.

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price of the meeting room is simply a donation of supplies such as tape, paper towels or liquid hand soap. The room seats about 25 people and is used often for coffee groups and meetings. "You can set up the day of the meeting and if you would like the shop open during the meeting, we will provide a 10 percent discount the night of the meeting," said Myers.

"It's all very convenient because the tables are already set up down there and all you have to do is bring your stuff in."

The Shoppe is located in building 259 on Stuart Avenue. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Beginning in December, The Shoppe will open on Mondays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., as well.

Operation Santa Claus

New toy drop locations:

Santa's Headquarters, building 222, Custer Avenue
Headquarters, building 500
Each Brigade Headquarters
Credit Union 1
Fort Riley National Bank
Wal-Mart and Alco stores in Manhattan and Junction City
Kay-Bee Toys and K-Mart in Manhattan
Irwin Army Community Hospital

Monetary contributions:

Checks or money orders can be mailed to:
NCOA Operation Santa Claus, P.O. Box 2427,
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Basketball tournament compares post teams' skills, endurance

By Lori Bultman
Editor

The 2002 Fort Riley Pre-season Basketball Tournament was held last weekend and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, took first place when they beat Medical Department Activity, 67 - 53. A total of 18 teams participated in the tournament.

In play leading up to the championship game Sunday, MEDDAC beat HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 43 - 28, earlier in the day to clinch their spot in the final game and Armor beat 977 Military Police Company, 58 - 35, to secure their spot.

"We did good up until the final game," said Mary Lou Correa, forward for the MEDDAC team.

"I guess we got tired at the end. We played the semi-final just before the championship game on Sunday. We only had an hour to rest between the games. HHC, 2-70th played before our semi-final game, so they had a little more time to rest."

Correa said that the MEDDAC team just got tired and forgot about playing together.

"It was very frustrating," she said. "We could have done better, but we will take that (second place) for now."

The 2nd Bn., 70th Armor team played a good championship game according to Correa.

"They were really quick, and our rebounds hurt us a lot," she said. "We did not have good rebounds, and that is very important. They had some good three-point shooters, too."

The MEDDAC team looks forward to regular season play.

"We will do better during the season," Correa said. "We just kind of went out there and played as it came this weekend. We will start practicing now and will put together some plays before the season starts, and we will get better."

The regular intramural basketball season is scheduled to start in early December. Game schedules will be available next week at King Field House.



Photo: Steady

Devon Perrymon, 300th Military Police Company, and Jason Eason, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, face off in a wrestling match at King Field House during the Post Wrestling Tournament. Perrymon won the match 12-2.

Wildcats husk Nebraska in final home game of season

By Christine Vanover
Staff Writer

Kansas State University celebrated its ninth season victory with a 49-13 win over the University of Nebraska last Saturday.

Although it was senior night, it was the underclassmen who lit up the scoreboard.

Junior Eli Roberson, quarterback, and sophomore Darren Sproles, running back, ran in three touchdowns each and sophomore Jerad Johnson, linebacker, recovered a blocked punt for a 17-yard touchdown.

Sophomore Joe Rheem, kicker, also added seven points to the board with his successful extra point kicks.

The fourth largest crowd in K-State history filled KSU Stadium watching as school records crumbled.

During the first quarter, Roberson ran 91 yards for a touchdown, which was the longest touchdown run since 1948. And, for the first time in school history, the quarterback ran for a total of 228 yards.

"Eli played very well," said Head Coach Bill Snyder. "It's just part of the maturation, part of the process. Like everybody else, he's just getting himself better, week in and week out."

With 155 yards, Sproles had his eighth 100-yard game this season, breaking a record that was set last year by Josh Scobey.

"He didn't care about the 100 yards," said Snyder. "What he cares about is what he does to contribute and help this football team be better and be successful."

"He's a tough nut. You just don't run through the University of Nebraska. That's a very sound, very solid, excellent defensive football team, and you just don't run through tackles, and Darren did that," added Snyder.

Unlike five of K-State's opponents this season, the Cornhuskers managed to reach double digits with two second quarter field goals by Josh Brown and a 35-yard touchdown by quarterback Jammal Lord.

Saturday's win marks the third in a row against NU on Wagner Field.

"We have a great respect for the University of Nebraska, we always have, and we always will. I think they are a tremendously talented, good football team," said Snyder.

"I've been around here too long and I know what kind of football program they have and how they will be. And, because of that, it does make it maybe a little extra nice to win that ballgame. I'm not calloused to that at all. I do want our players and all to understand that we have been there before and done that before, but that doesn't take away the fact that it is a nice win, a very nice win," he added.

The Wildcat's victory earned them a number 10 ranking in the AP and Coaches poll. Their last season game is tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at the University of Missouri. It will be broadcast on ABC.



Photo: Vanover

Eli Roberson (left) signals that Darren Sproles' (right) third touchdown is good.



Photo: Vanover

Darren Sproles, sophomore running back, runs in for a touchdown during the K-State-Nebraska game last Saturday. He made three touchdowns and ran for a total of 155 yards. This was Sproles' eighth 100-yard game this season, breaking a school record set last year.

Turkeys once struggled to survive, now abundant on Fort Riley

By Alan E. Hynek
DES Biologist

Turkeys are everywhere on Fort Riley. However, that wasn't always the case. It wasn't too long ago they were absent from plains of Kansas, as well as most other states. As with many other species of game, the wild turkey nearly succumbed to the unlimited hunting of the late 1800's and was soon extirpated from the state of Kansas. The last recorded observation of native turkeys, prior to their reintroduction, occurred in 1871 near Fort Hays.

The history of turkeys in Kansas is well noted. Early records indicate wild turkeys occurred in large numbers throughout their range. One report from 1609 indicates that wild turkeys were "Innumerable" and another from North Carolina states reports seeing more than 500 in one flock. On July 1, 1804, near Leavenworth, Kan., Merewether Clark wrote, "Deer

and turkeys in great quantities on the bank."

By the mid to late 1800's, the wild turkey was at its lowest point in population. Reintroduction efforts began around the turn of the century, but few populations took hold. The population of turkeys in the U.S. probably reached its lowest point in the 1930's, with very few birds remaining in the wild. In 1959, the Kansas population struggled to get to an estimated 114 birds.

A successful turkey reintroduction program by the state of Kansas began in the mid 1970s. The wild turkey first took hold in Southeast Kansas, where habitat was most plentiful. Their numbers grew exponentially and were estimated to be at 45,000 birds in 1986. Even then, it was somewhat rare to see a turkey in north central Kansas. Since then, repeated stockings and protective laws have allowed the number of turkeys to increase and reclaim nearly every corner of the state. There are two subspecies of

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Turkeys can be found in many areas on Fort Riley, but that was not always the case. wild turkeys native to Kansas, the Rio Grande and Eastern. Presently, the Rio Grande's occupy the western one-half of Kansas, with the Eastern occupying the eastern one-fourth. Both species occur in

central Kansas (including Fort Riley). There is a fair amount of hybridization between the two subspecies in this area. Common plumage characteristics can differentiate the two, however with hybridization there is quite a bit of variation. The Rio Grande is typically copper to greenish in color, especially on the breast, whereas the Eastern is purplish.

Turkeys are omnivorous, meaning they will eat just about anything they can catch. Their diet varies as the seasons change. In the spring and summer, the largest percentage of their diet is made up of insects. In the fall and winter, their diet switches to acorns, seeds and green matter.

With the increased number of turkey, the season and bag limits have become quite liberal. The current fall season in Kansas and on Fort Riley has a bag limit of four birds total (one primary tag and three game tags). The spring turkey hunting regulations have not been set, however recent seasons consisted of a bag limit of

two birds.

Turkey hunting is definitely a challenge, especially in the fall. Turkeys are generally very wary and the difficulty in hunting them is compounded with all the eyes present in a large flock. The keys to a successful hunt are good scouting before the season and finding good habitat and movement patterns.

The wild turkey in North America has come full circle. From near decimation to becoming once again a common sight in the outdoors. The return of the wild turkey is truly a remarkable story and, with Thanksgiving just around the corner, an appropriate example of a great American symbol.

For more information on turkey hunting on Fort Riley, call the Conservation Division at 239-6211 or stop by the office at building 1020. You may also visit our website at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/Outdoor/>





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Fort Riley teams place high in 10-Miler

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

Fort Riley had several teams compete in the Army 10-miler race in Washington D.C. recently. The Fort Riley Women's Open Team #800 took 5th place. Gretchen Treat ran the 10-mile race in 1:09:48. Maria Mattingly was behind her with a time of 1:11:39. Maureen August, team captain, finished almost alongside

Mattingly with a time of 1:11:43. Elizabeth Barnaby followed them in with a time of 1:13:18. Robyn Ayers finished at 1:18:36. The Fort Riley Women's Open Team #327 placed 14th. Trisha Lundin led her team in with a time of 1:11:24. She was followed in by Tracy Pittman, who ran the race in 1:15:08. Daniele Porter came in less than three minutes behind her at 1:17:51. Hollie Martin finished with a time of 1:21:17 and Sarah Nelson was right

behind her at 1:21:54. Thao Nguyen finished at 1:22:37. The Fort Riley Men's Team #786 placed 10th in their division of the race. Benjamin Sandy led his team in with a time of 52:36. Robert Zuch followed Sandy in almost five minutes later at 57:59. Justin Korber crossed the finish line in just under an hour with a time of 59:16 followed by Thomas Hollis, team captain, who crossed in just over an hour with a time of 1:00:47. Anthony Hof-

mann finished at 1:02:35. The Fort Riley Command Sergeants Major Team #262 placed 6th in their division of the race. Curtis Shanklin finished the race in 1:17:33 followed by Ronald Riling, who finished in 1:19:09. Robert Moore was less than a minute behind Riling, crossing the finish line at 1:19:57. Richard Hearron ran the race in 1:22:06 and Joe Leggette finished at 1:29:29.

Army takes gold in Armed Forces Basketball

By Charles Goff
Army News Service

When it was all over, only points separated the All-Army basketball team from the Air Force squad, tied with four wins each.

The soldiers though, averaging 82.3 points per game, took home the gold medals and the 2002 Armed Forces Basketball Tournament title last week at Fort Hood.

The All-Army basketball team clinched its second championship in two years Nov. 16 with a 4-2 record and 494 total points, despite losing its final game to the All-Navy team 83-87.

"This is the first time in over 10 years that Army has won back-to-back," said Coach Babe Kwasiak, Army head coach. "We are proud of all the guys. We get to keep the gold medal where it belongs."

The deciding factors for the tournament were agreeably the players' ability to work together and ability to effectively play two games a day, Kwasiak said.

"I feel that player for player, I

had the best team here," said Air Force head coach, Mark Watley. "We just didn't play well together."

For Watley, playing six games over three days was a tough way to play a tournament.

"I think the quality of the tournament drops way off when you play two games a day," he said. "No coach comes here expecting to play all 12 of his guys extended minutes. You lose quality because your best players aren't on the court at all times."

On the other hand, Army found it to their benefit.

"It was to our advantage, said Kwasiak. "We practiced three times a day, so we knew that was good for us."

"We were always able to go 12 deep ever since the start of the tournament," said Army guard, Eric White, "and that was significant since the other teams were not using all 12 guys."

"The guys are in phenomenal shape and that paid off for us in the end," said David Bullock, one of Army's assistant coaches.

The tournament, which was

round-robin style where each team played every team twice, tipped off the morning of Nov. 13.

On the final day of competition, the Army played Air Force. They lost to Air Force earlier in the competition. This time the soldiers pulled together and topped Air Force 73-63, putting them in first place for the first time in the tournament.

The final games tied Army with Air Force at 4-2. But Air Force had scored less than 70 points in two games, and had only 453 total points. Army's 493 points gave the soldiers the championship and gold medals.

After the tournament, the Armed Forces Team was announced. Five of the 12 members were from the All-Army team. Kwasiak and Bullock were named as head coach and assistant coach respectively.

The Armed Forces Team will represent the United States in international competition Dec. 1-9 in Brussels, Belgium. Until then, the team is training at Fort Hood and scrimmaging with local colleges.



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Army guard, Shawn Grace, goes head-to-head with Marine Center, Stanley Billings, during the second Army-Marine match-up.

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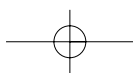
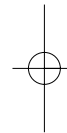
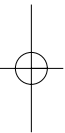
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The Original Harlem Globetrotters "Reclaiming the Game"

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Czars 400 years of Imperial Grandeur

All the drama and intrigue of 400 years of Russian history comes alive in Topeka. The State Historical-Cultural Museum-Preserve, "Moscow Kremlin," one of the most prestigious museums of Russia, is proudly presenting this exhibition in the new permanent Kansas International Museum through March 15. From the moment you begin your self-guided tour, you will be awe-struck by the magnificence and grandeur of this exhibit, which includes 267 artifacts from the era. The eleven galleries depict the lives of the czars through the artifacts that touched their lives. Discount tickets available through ITR.

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Need holiday gift ideas? Stop by ITR for area discount movie tickets, tickets to Science City, Czars exhibit or Kansas CosmoSphere and Space Center. Tickets are not date specific and make great holiday gifts. Let ITR surprise that special person with a Dream Cruise or a package for Walt Disney World or Branson. Call for further information.

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The Topeka Scarecrows United States Hockey League is having Military Appreciation Day tonight. Discount tickets are \$6 through ITR for tonight's game against Omaha at 7:05 p.m. Stop by ITR for a complete Scarecrows schedule and ticket information.

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Come home to Silver Dollar City for an Old Time Christmas. The city lights up in splendor with over 4 million lights as the Holiday Light Parade winds its way through the streets proclaiming the Gifts of Christmas. The festival features a five-story special effects Christmas tree, Tinker the Talking Christmas Tree that sings and interacts with kids and the living nativity. Silver Dollar City truly appeals to all ages. Discount tickets available to numerous other attractions in Branson. Let ITR put together a holiday package get-a-way.

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